Salt Lake Valley Quality Improvement Committee

	October: No Meeting Held November: QIC Summit December 16, 2008 Meeting Held	Review and Action Plan	Follow-up
Dash Board Items:	Foster Care Placement Stability	December: Arn Stolp reported that the Division is really moving away from congregate care and instead placing children directly with kin when possible. He stated that the whole placement method is being reviewed. The Division is now holding placement meetings every working day in the afternoon for as long as is needed. Arn said that after attending the meeting, he realized just how difficult it is to make placements that will best meet the special and unique needs of each child. He stated that he was very impressed with the process and earned a new appreciation at the issues caseworkers face. He recommends that each QI Committee member avail themselves to the opportunity to attend.	
	TAL	December: Roland Oliver stated that there are approximately 300 kids in this age group and another 240 who are 14 and 15 who will become eligible for these services. All 300 youth are receiving appropriate services (but not every service). By 2010 the federal government will require that these children be tracked until age 21. Programs and Resources for TAL clients: Youth Advisory Council; The Youth Mentor Project; TAL Network; Youth-in-Custody Collaboration; Housing; DWS Youth Council; Salt Lake County YES; Life Start kits provided by Christmas Box International; TAL Office (ILP placement supports; collaboration with INS (to assist youth to get a green card provided they remain in DCFS custody), Life Skills classes; Young Adult Resource Network (YARN); TAL Youth with Children Support Group; The Youth Advisory Council. Roland feels like they have the TAL network and collaboration with other agencies that there may be other programs or issues that could benefit from efforts of this committee.	December: Committee will consider other priorities at the next meeting. After reviewing the dashboard list group members discussed equalization of services to all communities. Group members discussed Tooele and issues with fewer resources as well as transportation problems. Arn Stolp suggested that group members review the previously developed list and come prepared at the January meeting to discuss our focus for 2009.

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Other Business:		December: QIC Summit was discussed.	

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Revised Priority List of Dashboard Items in order of votes				
FY 2009				
# of Votes	Dashboard items			
11	Preparation of youth aging out of services.			
	TAL- Options that are working			
	Long term mentoring			
	Mentoring at University of Utah			
	TAL- Family all has same nurse (e.g. 16 yr Moms with babies and each have different workers/nurses)			
10	Equalization of services to all communities.			
6	Multi-agency staffing of cases as positive learning for all partners			
2	Different services for different family members who have different treatments (under serving family members)			
2	Foster Parent utilization and placement process			
2	Foster parents licensing timing			
2	Focus on intake of children K-12 in education system more collaborative with school			
1	Explore In-home services program			
1	Refuge populations and courts			
1	Lack of participation in citizen reviews – workers and supervisors do not attend (FCCRB)			
	Workers are not getting support from their supervisors to attend or send information to board			
0	SL meth initiative evaluation review for gaps in services			
0	Getting health care papers from foster parents			